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## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 127.

## CHINA SEA.

## SWATOW DISTRICT.

## BREAKER POINT LIGHT HOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the LIGHT  
on BREAKER POINT was exhibited for  
the first time at Sunset on the 8th Decem-  
ber, 1880.

The Illuminating Apparatus is a First  
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showing for eight seconds and suddenly  
disappearing for two seconds. It shows  
white from S. 55° W. round by N. to N.  
55° E., and red in shore of both these  
bearings as far as the land. The bearings  
are magnetic and taken from rewards.

The Light is elevated 152 feet above  
the level of the sea, and in clear weather it  
should be visible at a distance of 19 nautical  
miles.

The Tower is round of iron, 91 feet  
high, with a total height from its base to  
the lantern vase of 190 feet.

The Tower is painted in black and white  
horizontal bands, and the Dwellings and  
Boundary Wall white.

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## ADJUDICATION PUBLIQUE.

## FERMES

DES ALCOOLS DE RIZ ET DE L'OPTUM  
DU 1er JANVIER 1882 AU 31 DECEMBRE  
1884.

Le vingt janvier mil huit cent quatre  
vingt-un (20 janvier 1881), à dix  
heures du matin, il sera procédé, dans la  
salle ordinaire de adjudication des  
affaires de l'intérieur à Saigon, à l'adjudication  
des sommes due des récipients, des  
alcools de riz et de l'optum pour une  
durée de trois années, commençant le 1er  
janvier 1882 et prenant le 31 décembre  
1884.

Les cahiers des charges, relatifs à ces  
formes, sont déposés à Saigon (Direction  
de l'intérieur); à Cholon (maison); au chef  
lieu de chacun des arrondissements de la  
colonie (bureau du Administrateur); à  
Phnom-penh (bureau du Représentant du  
protectorat français); et aux consulats fran-  
çais de Bangkok, de Batavia, de Singapore,  
de Hongkong et de Shanghai

## THE CHINA MAIL.

quite assured that, had the worthy impresario been contented with producing three operas weekly instead of four, the result, pecuniarily and otherwise, would have proved much more satisfactory to himself and to all concerned. Time is no doubt very valuable to a gentleman having such heavy responsibilities on his shoulders as Signor Cagli undoubtedly has, and his anxiety to complete his season here with all despatch would be commendable enough if the necessity or advantage of such a course was apparent. Such however is not the case, and we are certain that "the penny wise, pound foolish" policy of trying to do too much in such a short time, without regarding in any way the powers of his artists, or the feelings and wishes of the general public, must have proved comparatively a losing game. The above remarks have been most unwillingly elicited, after reflecting on incidents connected with last night's performance. It is not necessary for us to speak of the merits of such a famous opera, as *La Forza del Destino*. They must be perfectly well-known to the merest tyro in matters operatic. And yet the fact remains, that at the representation of operas not to be named in the same breath with the Senator's masterpiece, we had crowded and enthusiastic houses, whilst, as above remarked, last night's audience was only fairly numerous, and but indifferently appreciative of the best work yet done by the united strength of the company. Surely Signor Cagli cannot be blind to facts which are apparent to everybody else. That his artists are not stale and passé with their recent exertions is not the Signor's fault, for they have certainly had a busy time of it since arriving in Hongkong; but even their strenuous efforts to win and retain public favor, have only been partially successful, as evidenced by the apathy displayed at the most artistic performance of the season. The patrons of opera are tired out, and require rest. The most seductive programme which can be issued will hardly attract a full house for some days to come, or excite the genuine enthusiasm which greeted the troupe on their first appearance.

The great success which attended the reproduction of *La Traviata* was owing principally to Signora Vela's fine performance as Violetta; but the light, sparkling character of the music had of course a great deal to do with the favour the entire representation met with at the hands of a somewhat indulgent and not over-critical audience. *La Forza del Destino* is a work of quite a different stamp. With the exception of one scene, the whole of the opera is conspicuous for the sublime grandeur of the music. Heavy operas are far more difficult to represent than those of a lighter class, and this fact must not be lost sight of when critically reviewing Signora Genolini's magnificient rendering of that most striking character, *Donna Leonora* in the opera under notice. Either dramatically or vocally the popular prima donna has never before appeared to better advantage in this colony. That the part exactly suited the artiste's style must be frankly admitted, but her dramatic intentions were so admirably portrayed, that under any circumstances, a great success was certain. Signora Genolini had recovered her vocal powers in a most remarkable manner, for the voice which had lost almost every spark of freshness when she sang the music of Norma, was now in the most perfect condition, and the artistic facility which marked her rendering of the florid music of the part, was worthy of the highest praise. The rich, sympathetic quality of the Signora's splendid voice was conspicuously displayed throughout the performance, and her execution was faultless. The dramatic interest was sacrificed to some extent in the first scene with the Padre, by the prima singing to the audience instead of to Signore Bagaglioni; and we strongly recommend Signor Genolini to amend this fault in future performances. Operatic dialogue should not be sung to the audience, and the habit of doing so, unfortunately, too general on the lyceum stage, is exceedingly irritating. In all other respects, we have nothing but commendation to offer, and the favorable verdict of a not too enthusiastic audience we most heartily endorse. Signor Bagaglioni appeared in his true colors as *Don Alvaro*. A more finished piece of romantic acting could not have been desired, and his singing put all his previous efforts completely in the shade. His fine tenor voice, although none the better for a general vibrato, which was noticeable at times, was used with much skill and discretion, and his high notes were taken with consummate ease. The *Don Carlo* of Signor Bagaglioni was conspicuous for all those excellencies which have characterised his previous representations of similar characters. As actor and vocalist this artiste is always artistic, and in everything he attempts he is a tower of strength to the cast. The hearty applause bestowed on Signor Bagaglioni and Bergamaschi for their splendid singing in the well-known duet was richly merited, and we were glad to see both artistes honored with such an unanimous recall. The *Padre* of Signor Bagaglioni was another fine performance, and materially added to the strength of the cast. It affords us much pleasure to be able to say a good word for Signor Corti, whose *Fra Melitone* was a really first-rate bit of humorous acting. The critic's task of censuring subordinate performers who are thrust into minor characters altogether unsuited to their capacities is a very unhandy one, so that it is quite a relief to have an opportunity of commending a gentleman (who, in his own peculiar line, is unquestionably a capable artiste) whom the lash of criticism has fallen at times rather severely. Signor Corti not only acted well as the unctuous Fra, but his buffo singing was exceedingly praiseworthy, and he quite merited the applause his performance elicited. Signor Colomini had very little to do as the singular *Prestissolo*, but the little she did exceedingly well, the character being exactly her forte.

The chorus for once was passable, the addition of two of the principal artistes to the regular crowd, making a percepti-

ble difference. Why should this not always be the case? The scenery, stage effects, and dresses were superior to anything yet seen during the present season, and the entire representation was the most complete performance of any opera yet produced, reflecting infinite credit on all concerned, not forgetting the very efficient orchestra.

Signora Peralli, the comprimaria of the troupe, is announced to appear at the fair in the Brothers Ricci's comic opera "Crispino e La Comara" this evening—and this lady will doubtless strengthen the former cast.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected to arrive here on about the 17th Dec., by the O. & O. steamer *Oceanic*, which brings San Francisco dates up to the 18th November.

A MAIL for Bangkok closes at Singapore at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 17th instant.

In spite of the threatening weather which has been experienced to-day, it has been decided by the Regatta Committee to carry out the existing arrangements tomorrow, unless there should be a change for the worse in the weather, in which case an "Extra" will be published by 9.30 a.m. The cutter yacht *Iris* has been scratcheted in both day's races, and Mr Leathbarrow's cutter *Sundown*, 7 tons, is entered in her place.

AMONG the passengers who arrived here yesterday S. S. *Chinkiang* from Shanghai, last night, is a prisoner, named Mahomet Dowd, who was convicted before the Chief Justice at H.B.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai on the 26th August last of stabbing Mr Wharton, on board the British ship *Emily*, at sea on the 3rd August last, and was sentenced to four months' hard labour, and again convicted on the 8th December for assaulting Mr Barnes, keeper of H.B.M.'s Gaol, and further sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

We note the arrival, per steamship *Chinkiang*, last night, of six out of the fifteen "subscription" Griffins. They were drawn for to-day by lottery by the subscribers and allotted to the respective drawers. The other nine are expected to arrive here by the next boat from Shanghai, probably the French mail. The *Diamanté*, which arrived to-day, has brought two of Mr Henry's last year's winners, *Cumalow*, winner of the "Champions," and *Evil Genius*.

CONCERNING the paragraph in the N. G. D. News relating to the *Hsien-hsien*, we hear it rumoured that this vessel is being fitted up for a trip to England, to take thence the Chinese who are to take charge of the new building now being erected for the Chinese Government. It is also said that the *Hsien-hsien* will undergo certain alterations necessary to render her more suitable for the Honan trade. These statements are of course mere bits of gossip that may or may not be the real truth, and must be accepted for what they are worth.

THE Chinese Revenue Cruisers appear to be having a lively time at present, principally with boats which make Macao their place of rendezvous. Some half-a-dozen of the most daring of the Chinese smuggling boats were credited lately with having successfully evaded or beaten off one little cruiser; but in an encounter—lately—one of the smuggler's craft was captured within a stone's throw of Macao waters. Not a little indignation is said to have been stirred by the apparent inaction of the Portuguese authorities—not because of the strictness observed with regard to the cruisers, but as far as the Macao authorities permit the junks to blaze away at the revenue cruisers when under cover of the Macao forts. It is abundantly evident that the Chinese cruisers have not the run of Macao Harbour such as they have at Hongkong.

It would seem, however, from what we hear, that the smuggling mania is not confined to the common junk-men who form the usual game for the Revenue-cruising folks. The desire to increase his little store is not above the ambition of many Chinese officials. This weakness is not altogether a new development, although it is not very often brought to light. On Friday last, however, a case was stumbled upon by one of the European-cruising captains which is somewhat suggestive. Captain Blank, who of course has orders to overhaul all native-commanded craft and to make reports upon their condition and movements, came across a steam-launch acting under the orders of the *Lokin Collector*—a branch of the great tax-gathering syndicate that is quite separate from the Hoppo's operations. The report from these launch men was quite exciting. They had, according to their account, been fortunate enough to capture a boat with 800 balls of opium on board; they had, by means of their bow gun, sunk the heavily smuggling craft, securing the drug as a souvenir of the doomed boat; and they were on their way with the booty to the properly constituted authorities. Captain Blank, accepting this pernicious explanation, undertook to convey the launch, instead of 800 balls, no less than 180 chests of opium were found on board—i.e., about 780 balls, worth say \$12,000. There were marks of rust about the muzzle of the bow

gun which did not seem to have been troubled recently with burnt gunpowder; and other discrepancies were apparent for which Captain Blank could not find ready explanations. At all events, certain informants seemed to have known more about the place of export of this large consignment than did the carriers of the drugs themselves; and the case is now receiving the gravest consideration from the native authorities at Canton.

A Japanese native paper says, "On the 19th inst., a foreign firm in Yokohama exported 1,000 rifles to Hongkong. In China, it is said, firearms are at present being purchased, and therefore, rifles which were imported into Japan are being re-exported there."

In well-to-do Chinese circles it is reported that the Russian Government has withdrawn the last fortifications it demands on China as the price of peace. Rather than pay the money, it is said, China will go to war. —*Courier.*

*The Japan Herald* says—Additional contracts to be made to the Japanese navy in the shape of torpedo boats. A few days since we noticed the arrival at Yokohama from England of four of these formidable engines of modern warfare, and we observe from our Yokohama files that another torpedo boat was launched on the 16th instant. In the opinion of *Yokohama Times*, Minister of Marine and other eight officers. This new craft is reported to have engines of five hundred horsepower although only slightly over one hundred feet in length, and less than eight feet beam.

We note new journals have made their appearance one in Tientsin called the *King-kuo Zazhi* (Universal Intelligence), and in Kiukiang, styled the *Atto-kiu Zazhi* (Intelligence affecting our two Religions). The *Tokio* paper regrets that there is not in this Empire one settled form of religion in which all classes can join. It states that Christianity is a very good faith to believe, and will supply the want. Therefore the *King-kuo Zazhi* is started with the idea of assisting in the introduction of the Christian religion to Japan. The *King-kuo Zazhi*, on the other hand, is established for a diametrically opposite purpose. It is announced that the mission of the paper is to protect the Buddhist and Sinto religious from the alarming increase of Christianity in the Empire. —*Hongkong News Trans.*

A CORRESPONDENT of *Nature* gives the following cure for and protection from mosquito bites:

A young friend of mine, severely bitten by mosquitoes and unwilling to be seen as disfigured, sent for quassia elixir and cold water poultice upon them. At night, after washing, she dipped her hands into the quassia water and left it dry on her face. This was a perfect protection, and continued to be so whenever applied. At the approach of winter, when flies and gnats get into houses and sometimes bite venomously, a grainful of mine, eighteen months old, was attacked. I gave the same some of my weak solution of quassia to let dry on his face, and he was not bitten again. It is innocuous to children, and it may be a protection also against bed insects, which I have not had the opportunity of trying. When the solution of quassia is strong, it is well-known to be an active fly poison, and is mixed with sugar to attract flies but is not strong enough to kill at once.

The *Sia Peo* prints a copy of a proclamation, issued by the Governor-General at Canton, with reference to Roman Catholics. The Governor-General quotes the article in the French Treaty, which declares the goodness of the Roman Catholic religion, grants to missionaries permission to preach it, and cause to converts the right to perform its ceremonies. He also refers to the receipt of an Imperial Decree in the year 1862, stating that Roman Catholic missionaries are upright and respectable, and all officials to whom they may pay visitation.

Concerning the paragraph in the N. G. D. News relating to the *Hsien-hsien*, we hear it rumoured that this vessel is being fitted up for a trip to England, to take thence the Chinese who are to take charge of the new building now being erected for the Chinese Government. It is also said that the *Hsien-hsien* will undergo certain alterations necessary to render her more suitable for the Honan trade. These statements are of course mere bits of gossip that may or may not be the real truth, and must be accepted for what they are worth.

THE Chinese Revenue Cruisers appear to be having a lively time at present, principally with boats which make Macao their place of rendezvous. Some half-a-dozen of the most daring of the Chinese smuggling boats were credited lately with having successfully evaded or beaten off one little cruiser; but in an encounter—lately—one of the smuggler's craft was captured within a stone's throw of Macao waters. Not a little indignation is said to have been stirred by the apparent inaction of the Portuguese authorities—not because of the strictness observed with regard to the cruisers, but as far as the Macao authorities permit the junks to blaze away at the revenue cruisers when under cover of the Macao forts. It is abundantly evident that the Chinese cruisers have not the run of Macao Harbour such as they have at Hongkong.

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believed his proper name was Tseng Yunn; he had been in gaol by that name.

The Jury did not desire to adjourn so that the evidence of Dr Wharry should be heard.

Prisoner declined to make any statement.

The Coroner read over the evidence (which the Jury had heard given and heard twice on already).

The Coroner summed up the evidence and read definitions of murder and manslaughter and several cases in which distinctions had been drawn by authorities between the two crimes.

One of the jurors desired to question the defendant as to his motives for killing the man but this, of course, was disallowed.

The Jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against the prisoner.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Wong Achien, 22, seaman, was remanded till the 18th inst., on a charge of unlawfully possessing a big containing a quantity of clothes and sundries, bat being accused in for a coalmine near Pekin.

Wong Meech, Seaman and Co's steamship *Ching-fu*, arrived the S. S. Douglas on the 8th inst. Captain Vincent had arrived there with some divers and two junks chartered by him at Amoy, carrying the Gorman flag. We understand that he feels confident he can raise the steamer. It is intended, we believe, to build a sort of dam round her and she will then be pumped out. From her position this method of once more getting her afloat will not be difficult of adoption. H. M. S. *Mazpie* was anchored about half a mile from the wreck.

Mr W. V. Drummond made an application yesterday (10th) before O. N. Donny, Esq., United States Consul-General, to set aside the will of the late Edwin Maurice Smith. He cited authorities to show that no will can be effective that created a perpetual trust, which, he maintained, was the case with the will in question, there being no provision for the final distribution of the property of any remainder estate. On these grounds he maintained that the will was defective and invalid. The Consul-General took time to consider his decision. Mr Drummond acted on behalf of all the persons interested under the will, they having, it is believed, come to an understanding as to the disposal of the testator's property.

Tsing-tau, the Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Navy, arrived yesterday (10th) by the C. M. S. N. Co's steamer *Wu-wei* from Taku. He was accompanied by sixteen Chinese officials and Captains Johnstone and Clayton. The same steamer also had as passengers 220 officers and seamen of the Imperial Navy, who were transferred to one of the frigates stationed to the west of Woosung. It is believed that the Government contemplated sending the two foreign officers and these seamen to England, to fetch out a steel frigate, if not other war-vessels besides. As the officials know that the men shall have some practical experience in navigation, some of the C. M. S. N. Co's steamers will probably be used for their transportation, and the name of the *Hsien-hsien* is mentioned as that of the ship likely to be selected. —The *Wu-wei* experienced very cold rough weather on her trip down, encountering a strong N.W. gale with high sea, and frequent storms of snow and hail.

Mei-yue, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, whose movements between China and Japan during the present year have been watched with some interest, returned to China yesterday (10th) by the M. B. Co's steamer *Takasago Maru*. Mr W. Reiners, Russian Consul at Hongkong, also arrived from Japan by the same vessel.

(*Courier.*)

The *Peichi* will make another trip to Taku this winter, taking some heavy machinery for the Chinese Government.

The *Glenlyon* went alongside the Associated Wharves this afternoon, (10th) after discharging a large consignment of munitions of war at the powder anchorage.

His Excellency J. H. Ferguson, Netherlands Minister to the Court at Peking, is expected in Shanghai shortly from Hongkong. He will make this port his residence during the winter.

We notice that the Garden Committee are planting a number of trees on the Bund, that duty devolving on them. The new trees are in regular winter trim, and as bare as can be, and a plot of evergreen shrubs have been planted in place of their artificial skeleton, as there are many kinds in Shanghai, which could be easily obtained. There is a camphor tree on the Bund, near Canton Road, and it has been there many years. It is to be hoped that the Garden Committee will leave that alone, as there are quite a number of people who take an interest in it.

Sunday, Nov. 6.

Seeing there is a prospect of having this port opened as a Treaty Port, soon, I have ventured to Romanize the name of all the cities bordering on the Great River, from I-chang Tat, to Chung-ching Fu; the work has been done according to Wade's system, from Acheson's Index to Dr. Williams' Dictionary of the Chinese language, —commencing at I Chiang Fu.

Kwei Chow. 錢州.

Pa Tang Hsien. 帕塘縣.

Yun Yang Hsien. 雲陽縣.

Chung Chou. 鍾洲.

Wan Hsien. 萬縣.

Feng Tu Hsien. 鳳都縣.

Chang Shou Hsien. 昌壽縣.

Ching Pei Ting. 滇北廳.

Chung Ching Fu. 銅慶府.

重慶府.

The magistracy of I-chang Fu, is called Tung-hu Hsien, that of Kwei-chow Fu, Feng-chih Hsien, and that of Chung-ching Fu, Pa-hsien. Thus Chung-ching Fu, Pa-hsien, are single names; all the rest double, but K'wei-chou Fu is usually called K'wei-chou Fu, simply.

Sunday, Nov. 7.

Trade is slack, and everything dull. The revenue does not respond to the several calls made upon it by late by the Central Government, and the Governor-General finds it difficult to raise taxes, out of the ordinary course of things: his notion of the Piggy tax having miserably failed in him to frightened to try another, for fear of failure, but the demands of Peking for a million of taels must be satisfied in some way.

Tsing, as a good officer, had written to the throne saying that he had gained Tls. 600,000 on the salt business, and that he had forwarded Tls. 400,000 to Tsch Tung-tang, in the Northwest, and something else elsewhere, to meet the other Tls. 200,000, to his own satisfaction; according to his official at Peking, who never can have enough money, considered that when a Governor-General acknowledges having Tls. 600,000, he must have a million or two to spare, so they have now arranged it so that he must forward Tls. 1,000,000 (One million) to Peking, without delay, and consequently have driven the honest man to his wife's end to gratify his superiors or the Imperial

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[No. 5440. DECEMBER 16, 1880.]

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MARSEILLE;

Also,

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND

PORT LOUIS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 22nd December, 1880, at Noon, the Company's S. S. AMAZON, Commandant LORMIER, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPICIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 21st December, 1880. (Parcels are not to be sent on board if they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong; December 9, 1880. de22



MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S. S. SUMIDA MARU, Captain HUBERT, due here on or about the 20th instant, will be despatched above on SATURDAY, the 25th December, at Dusk.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 6 p.m. of 24th December.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Cabin. Steerage.  
To KOBE... \$ 60 \$15  
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" KOBE... 95 30

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For further Particulars, apply at the Company's OFFICES, No. 50A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, December 14, 1880. de25

Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;

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THE S. S. OCEANIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, 28th December, 1880, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

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All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

A REDUCTION of 25% made on all RETURN PASSAGE ORDERS ISSUED.

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, JR., Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1880. de28

Insurances.

THE INTERNATIONAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF LIVERPOOL.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, Nov. 27, 1880. 27m81

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRE,  
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Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent to \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

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APRIL, 1880.....

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Hongkong, October 1, 1880. 1cc81

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein on Goods on board Vessels and on Bulks of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Premium.

For Rates of Premiums, terms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Position of the Company at the close of the last financial year, the 30th April, 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.00

GENERAL FUND.....\$ 600,000.00

RESERVE FUND.....\$ 425,000.00

BALANCE UNDIVIDED.....\$ 70,275.43

DIVIDEND PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS.....

IN DEBS.....20% per annum

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THE Company grants Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies.

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B. GOLDSMITH,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 13, 1880.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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